

Subject: Costa Rican Complicity in 5 April Report No: **C 7121**
54 Attempted Assassination of
SOMOZA

Date of Information: 6 April 1954

Place Acquired: **C** **7**

Date Acquired: 7 April 1954

Evaluation: **C-3**

Date of Report: 14 April 1954

Source: Former Costa Rican Official

1. Source states President Jose ~~FIGUERES~~ is a Communist in his ideology although his brand of Communism more closely approaches the nationalistic deviation of the Tito-type.
2. Source is confident FIGUERES unquestionably was involved in the 5 April 54 assassination plot against President SOMOZA of Nicaragua. FIGUERES was described as a person who would not usually instigate active measures but rather accede passive compliance to measures of which he approves. Hence his involvement was more likely one of knowing support rather than that of an immediate principal.
3. Source considers the current Costa Rican Political situation the most potentially dangerous in Central America. He considers it more dangerous than Guatemala since Communist activities are more concealed than in Guatemala.
4. Source stated FIGUERES did not feel it expedient to attend the Caracas Convention since it might prematurely expose his friendship to Guatemala.
5. He also further stated FIGUERES is materially supporting the Caribbean Legion and is accepting the Marxian advice of Romulo BETANCOURT.
6. Source is of the opinion BETANCOURT and FIGUERES have as their immediate goal a United Central American State of which FIGUERES would be "President".
7. He concluded President SOMOZA of Nicaragua was the only hope of assistance in overthrowing the FIGUERES regime.

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